

tribal Christians, under three schemes related directly to employment generation, i.e., Swarnjayanti Gram Swarojgar Yojana (SGSY), Swarn Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY) and Sampurna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY).

Reservation for backward classes among minorities

2965. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a demand for reservation for socially and educationally backward classes among minorities including Muslims and Christians;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) to (c) National Commission for Religious and Linguistic Minorities, set up in October 2004, has, as one of its terms of reference, "to recommend measures for the welfare of socially and economically backward sections among religious and linguistic minorities, including reservation in education and Government employment".

Special scheme in minority predominant backward districts

†2966. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government are going to start a special scheme in minority-predominant backward districts;

(b) the number of districts alongwith names of States where Muslims population is 15 to 20 per cent of total population alongwith the details of

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